

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 30

Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza

February 23, 2009

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Relative to the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff David Powell Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 30, as introduced, Mendoza. Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff David Powell Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the segment of State Highway Route 91 between State Highway Route 605 and Pioneer Boulevard, in Los Angeles County, as the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff David Powell Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Of all the promises America offers, none is more
2 precious or elusive than the right to be free from crime and
3 violence; and

4 WHEREAS, Californians are indebted every day to our peace
5 officers, and we pay special tribute to their bravery and dedication
6 and share in their pain when one of their members is killed in the
7 line of duty; and

8 WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have the
9 unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety and it is as
10 difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the

1 death, at 42 years of age, of Deputy David Powell of the Los
2 Angeles County Sheriff's Department who was killed in the line
3 of duty on November 30, 2002, in the City of Artesia while
4 conducting an investigation; and

5 WHEREAS, Deputy Powell faithfully served the residents of
6 Los Angeles County as a patrol deputy; and

7 WHEREAS, Deputy Powell was a resident of Torrance and a
8 graduate of Loyola Marymount University; and

9 WHEREAS, Deputy Powell stated the reason he became a law
10 enforcement officer was to make a positive difference in other
11 people's lives, and as a deputy sheriff, he was praised by his peers,
12 supervisors, and by members of the community for his tireless
13 efforts to guide young people away from drugs and gangs; and

14 WHEREAS, Deputy Powell was awarded the Medal of Valor
15 by the City of Lakewood for saving the life of an individual
16 attempting suicide in the year 2000, and several months prior to
17 his death, Deputy Powell tried desperately to remove critically
18 injured passengers from a burning vehicle and was again honored
19 for his heroic actions with a second Medal of Valor; and

20 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to recognize the hazardous work,
21 serious responsibility, and strong commitment that Deputy Powell
22 willingly accepted during his 19 years as a law enforcement officer;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Deputy Powell is remembered as a passionate
25 loving husband to his wife, Emma; a loving son to his parents, Bill
26 and JoAnn Powell; a caring father to his daughter, Brianna, and
27 stepdaughters, Amanda, Monique, and Alicia; a thoughtful sibling
28 to his brother, John; and a man who committed his life, religious
29 beliefs, and his career to Los Angeles County and the safety of its
30 residents; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature designates the segment
33 of State Highway Route 91 between State Highway 605 and
34 Pioneer Boulevard, in Los Angeles County, as the Los Angeles
35 County Deputy Sheriff David Powell Memorial Highway; and be
36 it further

37 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
38 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
39 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the

1 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
2 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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